

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4915-02
Bill No.: HCS for HB 2133
Subject: County Officials; County Government; Counties; Elections
Type: Original
Date: April 27, 2020

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes procedures to recall a county commissioner.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Local Government	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

In response to a previous version, officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commissioners** assumed a cost of \$70,000 to hold a countywide recall election from this proposal.

In response to similar legislation in 2019, HB 580, officials at **Greene County** assumed a cost to hold a special election of \$110,000 from this proposal.

Oversight will reflect a ranged fiscal impact from \$0 (no recall petitions filed) to an unknown impact to counties for the potential costs involved in verifying signatures and holding a special election.

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Elections** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal.

In response to a previous version, officials at the **Jackson County Election Board** assumed no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Oversight notes the Office of the Secretary of State has stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note for the state.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other first class counties were requested to respond to this proposed legislation, but did not. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2021 (6 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2021
(6 Mo.)

FY 2022

FY 2023

FIRST CLASS COUNTIES

Costs - potential costs signature
verification and/or special election for
recall petition of commissioner(s)

\$0 or
(Unknown)

\$0 or
(Unknown)

\$0 or
(Unknown)

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO
FIRST CLASS COUNTIES**

**\$0 or
(Unknown)**

**\$0 or
(Unknown)**

**\$0 or
(Unknown)**

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes a petition procedure for recalling county commissioners or presiding county commissioners in counties of the first classification. The commissioner to be recalled must have held office for at least six months and cannot be a candidate to succeed himself or herself at the election to fill the vacancy.

The petition is required to have a number of signatures equal to at least 10% of the total number of registered voters in the county voting in the last election at which the commissioner was elected, and must state the reason for which the recall is sought: misconduct in office; incompetence; or failure to perform duties prescribed by law. Additional procedural requirements are set out in the bill.

At least 60% of the qualified voters voting on the question must vote for removal, otherwise the commissioner shall continue to serve for the remainder of the term.

This legislation shall be effective January 1, 2021.

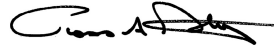
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Platte County Board of Election Commissioners
Greene County
Office of the Secretary of State
St. Louis County Board of Elections
Jackson County Election Board



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